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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

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1. AS OF TODAY, DEA HAS CHECKED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION SOURCES AND IT APPEARS THAT THE REQUEST FOR DILAUDID BY UN GUINEAN AMBASSADOR, SEKOU M. YANSANE, IS PART OF A LEGITIMATE EFFORT BY THE GOG TO UPGRADE MEDICAL SERVICE IN UP-COUNTRY GUINEA. IT SEEMS THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS COLLECTING ANTIBIOTICS AND OTHER MEDICINES WITH THE INTENT TO PERSONALLY ESCORT A SHIPMENT TO CONAKRY.

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2. THE UN GUINEAN MISSION REQUESTED THE AMERICAN MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO TREATS THEIR NEW YORK STAFF TO LIST SIMPLE TO ADMINISTER MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR USE IN AREAS WITH FEW OR NO TRAINED MEDICAL PERSONNEL. INCLUDED IN THE LIST WAS A PAIN KILLER, DILAUDID TABLETS, BECAUSE THEY CAN BE ADMINISTERED ORALLY WITHOUT THE NEED FOR STERILE INJECTION EQUIPMENT AND

TRAINED TECHNICIANS. THE DOCTOR DID NOT SPECIFY AMOUNTS NEEDED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED THAT 250 THOUSAND TABLETS DID NOT SEEM UNREALISTIC FOR SIX MILLION PEOPLE.

3. IT SEEMS THAT THE UN GUINEAN MISSION HAS PLACED ORDERS AND HAS BEEN RECEIVING MEDICAL SUPPLIES BASED ON THE DOCTOR'S LIST. KNOLL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY IN NEW JERSEY RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY AMB. YANSANE REQUESTING 250 THOUSAND DILAUDID TABLETS. KNOLL IS THE SINGLE U.S. MANUFACTURER OF DILAUDID. UPON RECEIPT OF YANSANE'S ORDER, KNOLL FOLLOWED PROCEDURE FOR CONTROLLED NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES BY CONTACTING DEA, WHO HAS THE MANDATE FOR ISSUING US MANUFACTURING QUOTAS AND SALES PERMITS. DEA BEGAN INVESTIGATION OF THE UNUSUALLY LARGE ORDER. IN THE MEANTIME THE GUINEAN MISSION APPARENTLY CONTACTED KNOLL AND WAS TOLD THAT KNOLL WAS AWAITING DEA APPROVAL OF THE SALE. AN IRATE MR. DIALLO FROM THE GUINEAN UN MISSION TELEPHONED DEA TWO TIMES ON JANUARY 17 DEMANDING APPROVAL OF THE DILAUDID ORDER. WHEN DEA ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN US LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, DEA REPORTS THAT MR. DIALLO ACCUSED THE US OF BEING UNCOOPERATIVE, CITING THE GREAT NEED FOR DILAUDID TO RELIEVE THE PAINS OF GUINEANS.

5. IN 1949 THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) OF THE UN MET TO ADOPT A SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLACE THE SEVERAL EXISTING MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. THE SINGLE CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED IN 1961. GUINEA RATIFIED THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ON OCTOBER 7, 1968. AMONG THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES OF ECOSOC'S INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB) IS TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE TREATY SIGNATORIES ON DRUG MANUFACTURING, SALES AND NEED. DEA REPORTS TO THE INCB FOR THE US. GUINEA HAS NOT REPORTED A NEED FOR THE CONTROLLED DRUG DILAUDID.

6. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY CONAKRY COULD EXPEDITIOUSLY CONFIRM THAT THE DILAUDID IS INTENDED FOR LEGITIMATE MEDICAL PURPOSES IN GUINEA AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE RESHIPED FROM GUINEA AS AMB YANSANE CERTIFIED IN HIS LETTER TO KNOLL. DEA IS FLEXIBLE AND FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES WILL EXPEDITE THE APPROVING US PAPERWORK, THE REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP WITH THE INCB, AND APPROVE A KNOLL SALE FOR TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND DILAUDID TABLETS UPON RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S POSITIVE RESPONSE. GUINEA SHOULD APPROACH THE INCB AND DECLARE THEIR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS IF THE NEED EXISTS.

7. FOR USUN: IF THE MISSION DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, IT MIGHT SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE FOR AMBASSADOR YANSANE TO BE APPROACHED WITH AN EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS CITED HEREIN. IT WOULD CERTAINLY ASSIST DEA IN CARRYING OUT ITS DRUG CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES.

8. FOR GENEVA; THE DEPT AND DEA APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE PER REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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